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*Anniversary*

of the

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS



*1651 - 1951*

*This booklet is here dedicated to the hundreds of men and women whose unselfish service and active work have made the Church what it is today. By giving of their time and their energy and their hearts, they have truly served God through His church in Natick.*

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## FOREWORD

**P**UBLISHED on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the Church and of the town, this booklet strives to narrate briefly the historical highlights of these eventful years, and at the same time to present a portrait of the Church and its people as they exist today.

The First Congregational Church of Natick has a right to be proud of the word "First." It is the oldest organization in a very old town. Throughout this chronicle the word "church" is used in the old tenor, meaning "body of worshipers," which is in truth what church should mean.

Our Church has met in seven different meeting houses, but our continuity of worshipers has been kept from the time of John Eliot to the present day. We were founded as a church in 1651, but the town was the controlling body until 1802. It is only since that date that we have had a separate entity, hence it can be said that we were founded in 1651 and organized in 1802.

As the oldest organization in this town, our Church has carried out well the responsibility of living up to its great traditions, and stands today as a constant reminder that here, as always, hospitable Christian service is available to all.

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OUR CHURCH BUILDING, photographed in early spring of 1951. This, our seventh meeting house, was built in 1875, immediately following the great Natick fire of the previous year which destroyed a great portion of the center, including the Congregational Church.

## A Message from the Minister



REVEREND PAUL D. TILLER

IT is a wonderful privilege, at this point in a long succession of ministers, to be on duty at the time of the three hundredth anniversary of our historic Church.

On such an occasion it is truly fitting that we express our common thanks to God for his inspiration and guidance through the years. And I join with you, as members of the Church, in paying tribute to the innumerable Christian workers who have served this Church before our time.

We here record our deep appreciation for the rich heritage which is ours in this Church, and for the noble witness which the Church has borne throughout the centuries to the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that we, and those who are to come after us, may be sincerely devoted to the building of the Kingdom of God in the lives of men the world over.

PAUL D. TILLER  
*Minister*

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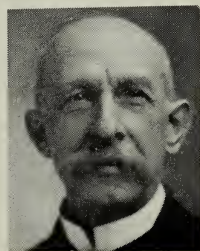
### FORMER MINISTERS



THE REVEREND  
FREDERICK W. ALDEN  
1939-1946



THE REVEREND  
ALVIN C. BACON  
1923-1939



THE REVEREND DR.  
ARTHUR W. ACKERMAN  
1912-1923



# THREE HUNDRED YEARS . . .

## I.

### JOHN ELIOT, *the Founder*

THE FOUNDATION of this history is John Eliot, who for 86 active and vigorous years lived a life so interesting that it is almost impossible to believe that one man could do so much.

John Eliot was born in Nazing, England, in 1603. (Some records claim 1604.) His pious parents provided him with a good education, for he attended Jesus College, Cambridge, taking his A.B. in 1623. He came to Boston on the ship "Mary Lion", arriving on November 2, 1631. In November 1632 he was made "Teacher of the First Church in Roxbury." According to the custom of that time, the church had two ministers, one the pastor, one the teacher. He evidently was made a minister-preacher the next year.

Before leaving England, Eliot became engaged to Ann Mumford, who waited there a year until Eliot became settled in Roxbury. Ann came to Boston, where she and Eliot were married, and until she died in 1687 she was his constant helper in his great work.

### *Devotion to the Indians*

John Eliot soon became deeply interested in the Indians in the vicinity of Boston, and in 1641 (when 38 years old) started the great task of learning the Indian language.

The Indian language, or really dialect, was fabulously complicated and almost hopeless, as words often ran to 42 letters in length. Eliot persevered, and after two years of study he was able to converse with the Indians in their own language. In 1647 Eliot preached a sermon to the Indians in their language, with the Colonial legislature as guests.

Tradition, often unreliable, says that the Natick Indians once lived in Deerfield, but as they were worn out with struggling with a superior, local hostile tribe, they came near Boston to be under English protection. The Indians lived in great misery and were neglected and poor. In order to help these miserable folk, the Massachusetts legislature passed an act in 1646 "For Propagating the Gospel among the Indians." But more important, the Parliament in England in 1649 passed the incorporating act for "The Society for Propagating the

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Gospel in New England.” These two societies provided funds for salaries of missionaries, and the wages of white and Indian teachers.

## *The Search for Natick, 1650*

The winter of 1646 saw Eliot beginning his work at Nonantum. Luckily, that winter, according to Eliot’s records, was totally without snow and he could preach in the open. Nonantum was too near the white settlements, and Eliot feared for the bad influence on his Indians, so he began to look for a quieter locality. He rode far into the then-wilderness to look for the perfect spot. According to a traditional story, Eliot rode quite a distance, then dismounted to pray, and as he prayed his Indian guide appeared at his side and asked what he was doing. Eliot told the Indian what he was looking for, and the Indian asked Eliot to follow him. He led Eliot to a spot on the banks of the Charles River. “This is the perfect place.” Eliot agreed and decided to move his Indian congregation here. Undoubtedly this trip was taken in 1650.

This location, soon to be known as Natick, “the place of hills,” was ideal for a new settlement. Gently rolling hills protected it from winter winds. The forests were composed of useful woods: walnut, chestnut, elm, maple, birch, pine, hemlock, spruce and oak. Many brooks drained and watered the soil. Fish were abundant: alewives, shad, pickerel, dace, eels, pout and perch were in the lakes and streams. The woods had deer, moose, bear, fox and otter (and wolves, too). Truly this could support the new community.

## *Early Construction*

On Eliot’s petition the land on the banks of the Charles was granted to the Indians, probably in exchange for their former lands in Deerfield. The General Court approved this 2000 acre grant (increased to 6000 acres in 1658) from the Town of Dedham. Historians claim that the old footbridge across the Charles River was built in 1650. It was the first construction work done in Natick and was built exactly where the stone bridge stands today in South Natick. In the spring of 1651 three streets were laid out, two on the north of the bridge, one on the south side, and house lots were apportioned to each Indian family.



THE PARSONAGE, located at 32 Florence Street, is a roomy home purchased from the Loker family in 1925.

In 1651 Eliot and his Indians built their “palisadoed fort” and then the first meeting house—a combination church, dwelling and school. It was a two story building twenty-five by thirty feet (although some early chronicles report the length as fifty feet). The first floor was for the church and school room; the second floor where the Indians hung up their skins had a corner partitioned off for Eliot’s bedroom.

### *The First Town Government*

In August of this year Eliot called the Indians together to form their government, Natick’s first. They chose “a ruler of one hundred, then two rulers of fifty, and lastly ten rulers of ten.” Thomas Waban, first town clerk, was one of the rulers of fifty. They then drew up their great covenant beginning “we give ourselves and our children to God, to be His people.”

Eliot’s work at once began to attract attention, and as early as 1651 Governor Endicott visited Natick to see this great project. The governor was tremendously impressed and wrote in his diary, “Truly I account this one of the best journeys I have made these many years.” In 1652 a “great assembly” (really an Indian revival service) was held in Natick. Many ministers were present to question the Indians through interpreters. Fifteen Indians were converted. It was in 1660 that the First Indian Church in America was organized here. The records of 1670 show between forty and fifty Indian church members.



## *An Act of Sacrifice*

It was probably in 1660 that Eliot employed the Indian named Sassamon as schoolmaster at Natick. Sassamon, a convert to Christianity, left Natick later to become secretary and instructor to his chief, Philip, in 1662.

When Sassamon learned of Philip's warlike plans, he went to Plymouth and warned the English. This Christian act cost him his life, for he was soon murdered (1675). Four Indians were hanged for this crime.

## II.

### *The Indian Bible, 1663*

JOHN ELIOT's greatest work was completed in 1661 when his translation of the New Testament into the Indian language was completed and printed. The whole Bible was completed in 1663. This was printed in Cambridge in an edition of 1500 copies. A single copy of this Bible is one of the rarest items of Americana, and would bring a huge price. In 1680 Eliot revised the New Testament, and the Old



THE CHURCH AUDITORIUM, looking up the center aisle, with the pulpit decked in lilies for Easter Sunday morning, March 25, 1951.

Testament in 1685, when an edition of 2000 copies was printed. The second edition, too, is a rare item, and only one copy is owned locally.

### *Difficulty of Translation*

One can hardly imagine what a stupendous task this Indian Bible was. There were no grammars, no dictionaries. No books or writing were in the Indian language. Eliot had to learn from the Indian (really a rude barbarian) and make his own grammar and vocabulary. It was a truly weird language, and Eliot had to discover its strange principles.

Then too, Eliot was a busy man; he was an active minister of the Roxbury Parish, he took interest in all public affairs, and he travelled widely. Eliot had little money to print the Bible, but when he finished writing it the London Society provided most of the money needed for the printing.

### *Indian Word-Meanings*

Many of the Indian words are still in use by us today; such as Massachusetts, meaning "the blue hills," Nonantum—"rejoicing," Waban—"the wind," Connecticut—"long river," Cochituate—"long pond." These were the shorter words, as they were proper names. Words of action were of much greater length.

### *The Old Oak*

Eliot used to preach in the open under the venerable oak in South Natick, and many of us can remember this tree in its last years. Longfellow commemorated this oak in his famous "Sonnet on Eliot's Oak" (1877). This sonnet ended in the lines:

*"His Bible in a language that hath died  
And is forgotten save by thee alone."*

Immediately upon publication of the historic poem a Connecticut scholar translated the entire sonnet into the Indian language.

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### **Eliot The Man**

*Professor Stowe, in an address on the 200th anniversary of the town of Natick, described Eliot as "a man of great versatility, and very superior intellectual power. Doubtless he has had his equals, but never a superior, in Christian zeal and goodness."*

### III.

#### *The Fate of the Natick Indians*

NATICK was still a "Foreign Missionary Town," with Eliot being paid as a missionary by his church in Roxbury, plus an allowance from the missionary board. His salary in 1657 was fifty pounds annually, and the work prospered greatly. Eliot travelled among the Indians of other towns, mostly on foot. He visited Cape Cod, crossed to Martha's Vineyard, and often visited towns in Worcester County.

#### *King Philip's War, 1675*

He even preached to King Philip . . . with little result, however. The brooding King Philip, son of the gentle Massasoit, commenced his cruel war; and the Natick Indians, as a group, started on their way out. There was never any separate tribe called the Natick Indians. They were mostly of the Massachusetts tribe and were called the "praying Indians."

The English, in spite of much help from the Praying Indians, were afraid of Indian uprisings and passed cruel and needless laws. The Indians were to be transported to places of virtual imprisonment.

In 1675 carts arrived in Natick to transport the Natick Indians to Deer Island. Patiently the Indians submitted, and two hundred men, women and children left their Natick homes and started for Deer Island. At Watertown, where the arsenal stands, Eliot met the Indians. The moment, as he stood and prayed with them, is portrayed by the Holbrook mural in the Natick Post Office. This painted scene shows the elderly Eliot raising his hands in prayer over his beloved converts, who listlessly but hopefully listen. It is a truly touching scene but not one the white man can be proud of.

The winter on Deer Island was very severe and many died, but the Praying Indians were still patient and resigned. After Philip's War, the Indians on Deer Island slowly migrated back to Natick, depleted in numbers, but still believing in John Eliot and his Christian teachings. Truly our founding pastor taught well.

#### *Death of John Eliot, 1690*

John Eliot was by now an old man, but still eagerly teaching. His beloved friends Cotton and Mather had now died, and he knew his





THE CHURCH AND PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES, the governing bodies of the Church. *Seated (left to right):* Harry Baker, Mrs. Laura Bagley, Mrs. Blanche Balcom, Mrs. Mary Bishop, Miss Virginia Clark, Paul D. Tiller, Mrs. Dorothy Heinlein, Mrs. Dorothy Wright, Wendell Bishop, Ernest Wright. *Standing:* Kenneth Gray, Frank Perry, Francis Harvie, George Rogers, Richard Potter, Jr., Martin Heinlein, B. J. Bagley, Ernest Griffin, Homer Bullis, Richard Kennedy, Charles Johnson, Albert Sanborn, Arthur Miller, Melvin Heefner, Edward Dummer, Everett Ford, Leighton Harris and David Wood.

days were numbered. Up to the very end of his life he practiced his teachings, and his benevolences never stopped.

He died penniless as to money, but rich in his possession of friends. Eliot died at Roxbury in 1690 at the age of 87, and tradition has it that his last words were "welcome joy." He was buried in Roxbury in the ministers' tomb of the First Church. His monument in South Natick was erected as a memorial in 1847.

Immediately at the death of Eliot, one of his beloved Indians became pastor. Daniel Takawampbait took the pulpit and served until 1716. (The Takawampbait gravestone, original, embedded in the rock in the South Natick square, is one of the few remaining items reminding us of the Indian past.) John Neesnuman and Josiah Shonks, both Indians, followed with brief terms in the pulpit.

The Praying Indians were so depleted in numbers that in 1698 the church consisted of only ten members. This failing church finally ceased about 1721. The first meeting house, having served its worthy purpose, gradually went to pieces, and undoubtedly some of its beams were used in other buildings.

### *The "100 Acres," 1719*

In 1719 had occurred an item of great interest to our present church, for in that year the town passed an act assigning the twenty proprietors of the town each sixty acres, and recorded the same in the town records. In the middle of these lots was a large unnumbered plot, laid out and assigned as the "Ministerial lot of 100 acres."

This hundred acres covered roughly an area in the center of Natick that is now bounded by Pond Street to Palmer Avenue, then in a line north to Grove Street, west to Walnut Hill, and south to the center of town. This would be the entire commercial center of the town of Natick and its most valuable land. Later in this history will be shown

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### Rules of the Indians

*Excerpts from the code of laws adopted for the government of Natick in 1651: "If any man be idle a week, or at most a fortnight, he shall pay five shillings. . . . If any woman shall not have her hair tied up, but hang loose, or be cut as men's hair, she shall pay five shillings. . . . If any shall kill their lice between their teeth, they shall pay five shillings."*





THE DEACONS AND DEACONESES. *Seated (left to right):* Mrs. Corinne Woodbury, Mrs. Josephine Parkin, Mrs. Bernice Harrington, Mrs. Mary Bigelow, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mrs. Priscilla Frikart, Mrs. Hannah Erickson and Mrs. Ann Holland. *Standing:* George Rogers, Frank Perry, Mrs. Evelyn Veale, Walter Robinson, Mrs. Ruth Wagg, William Bigelow, Mrs. Emily Johnson, Arthur Miller, Mrs. Mary Gray, Harry Baker, Ernest Griffin and Clarence Eldridge.

the value and disposition of this hundred acres that belonged to our church. Our present building stands on the remnant of this acreage at its southeasterly corner. The sale of this hundred acres (in the early 1800's) created our still existing "Ministerial Fund."

In 1720 Natick's first industry was started. A saw mill was erected by John Sawin. He built his mill and dam several hundred feet above the present dam in South Natick. Owners of Medfield land complained about the dam causing flooding, so the mill was moved to its present location on the, now, Stillman land. Later a dam was built across the Charles where the present dam stands.

#### IV.

##### *Early Records, 1721-1752*

THE SECOND MEETING house in Natick, still located in South Natick, was built in 1721 on the site of the first one. The London Society appointed the Reverend Oliver Peabody (Harvard 1721) to be missionary, and he immediately came to Natick.

Noting the absence of church or town records, Peabody decided to keep his own. He bought a small book and rebound it in sheepskin. In it he kept his church records, which appear to be the only church records in Natick from 1721 to 1752. This most valuable book still reposes in our church vault with our other early records. This year, for the first time, a second complete copy of this book has been made.

This record of Peabody's was a true record of the importance of the church at that time. The church set up standards and rules of morality and enforced them. Many are the entries of charges, trials, condemnations and admonitions. To quote a few from the records:

Sept. 8, 1734 Brother Joseph Ephraim, Junior, having been left to fall into ye sin of intemperance in drinking, made such a confession as was accepted by a vote of ye church.

Feb. 5, 1736 Thomas Peegun making a confession was by a vote of ye church restored to ye charity of ye church of communion, he confessed intemperance and a breach of ye seventh commandment.

Many entries were recorded as "scandalous sins"—not of a quotable nature even in these liberal days. After a full confession of repentance and reformation before the whole church, the guilty parties were generally "voted the continuance of the church's Love and Charity."

In 1730 records show purchase or gifts of two tankards and two flagons for communion purposes. There is no record of what happened to these sacramental vessels, nor of the fate of the silver baptismal bowl of John Eliot.

When Peabody came to Natick there were only two white families (Sawin, Morse) in the south part of town. The Bacons, Underwoods, Frosts, Drurys, Goodnows and Fisks lived in the north part of town and probably were not members of the parish of that time. In our church today are descendants of most of these early families.

### *New Parish Thrives*

Peabody was an active man and his parish began to revive. In 1728 he was voted the sole use of the Ministerial Hundred Acres, although it was far distant from his church building. The church was again formed as a body, with only three Indians and five white male members. A year later twenty-two people joined the church and soon there were fifty members.



THE WOMEN'S UNION BOARD, including the officers of the Union and chairmen of all important committees. *Seated (left to right):* Miss Myra FitzGerald, Mrs. Evelyn Veale, Mrs. Laura Bagley, Mrs. Helen Tiller, Mrs. Greta Potter, Mrs. Mary Bishop. *Standing:* Mrs. Helen Columbia, Mrs. Lana Rowe, Mrs. Gerda Olson, Mrs. Esmah Swenson, Mrs. Corinne Woodbury, Mrs. Mary Gray. *Other members of the Board, not in this picture, are:* Mrs. Blanche Balcom, Mrs. Grace Barker, Mrs. Mary Bigelow, Mrs. Anne Crowe, Mrs. Elinore Fitch, Mrs. Isabel Forsyth, Mrs. Mildred Griffin, Mrs. Bernice Harrington, Mrs. Dorothy Heinlein, Mrs. Doris Kinnear, Mrs. Catherine Lewis, Mrs. Lena Pendleton, Mrs. Ruth Roberts, Mrs. Maude Stocker, Mrs. Miriam Wanacek, Mrs. Elizabeth Weatherby, Mrs. Isabelle Wigglesworth, Mrs. Grace Wignot.

In 1749 two very important town meeting articles were presented:

1. "Voted to accept Rev. Peabody as parish minister upon the condition he will come to the center of town to preach," and 2. "Voted to see whether the Rev. Peabody, the Indian Pastor, will be the Parish Minister." Both of these articles were important as this was the first move to try to move the church from South Natick to Natick center, and also an attempt to change from an Indian pastor to a parish minister. Both of these controversial items were defeated, but left much friction between the two sections of town.

During the Peabody ministry we have the first appearance of the

office of "deacon." Ephraim, an Indian, appears to have been chosen for this office in 1734. He was also chairman of the board of selectmen.

### *Death of Peabody, 1752*

Oliver Peabody labored long and faithfully. He died in 1752 and was buried in the old South Natick center cemetery. His perfectly preserved slate stone with its long Latin inscription is well worth a visit.

Peabody baptized 192 Indians and 422 white persons during his long ministry, but only 35 Indians and 133 whites joined his church.

## V.

### *Strife in the Church*

STEPHEN BADGER (Harvard), the next minister, came to Natick in 1753. The second meeting house was declared unsuitable and a third building was started in 1754. The wrangling between the Natick center and South Natick members prevented the finishing of the building until 1767. Many white members felt that the church should meet at the center (where it now is), and the Indian members wished the church at South Natick. This struggle continued all during Badger's pastorate and eventually caused the end of the South Natick church.

The life of Stephen Badger must have been made miserable by all this vicious wrangling. Votes were even passed cruelly dismissing him, his salary was decreased and often withheld, but he struggled to keep his flock together. Harriet Beecher Stowe in her "Old Town Folks" portrays Badger as "Parson Lothrop." His real life was undoubtedly more tumultuous than it is in the book.

In spite of Badger's efforts, the church began to split, and in 1798 the town demanded that he come to Natick center to preach, or if he would not, to dismiss him. In 1799 he stopped his preaching, but he lived in South Natick until he died in 1803. It was during the Badger ministry that Natick was incorporated as a town, February 19, 1781.

### *The Fourth Meeting House, 1799*

The church in South Natick was gone, the only meeting house being the one at the center. This building had been built in 1798-1799 near the corner of the ministerial lot. It was without a minister, as Badger





A FEW of the older members of the Church who, through the years, have been faithful workers. *Seated (left to right):* Miss Myra FitzGerald, Miss Flora B. Rice, William R. Bigelow, Mrs. Katherine Peterson, Mrs. Bertha Taft, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Adams. *Standing:* Arthur W. Robinson, Frank O. Brown, Carl R. Leavitt, and Fred H. Lathrop.

had refused being transferred. The Selectmen hired temporary preaching until they could obtain a full-time minister.

In trying to transfer the South Natick minister to the center, undoubtedly the "100 acres" was in the minds of the Selectmen, for they had built their center meeting house on this land. The new building was declared by town meeting to be the "Fourth Meeting House" (the first three having been in South Natick).

Churches, like families, move to other locations but they still remain the same family. Our church family was moved by town vote from South Natick, but proudly admits its descent from the South Natick church. Not for thirty years was there a church again in South Natick. In 1828 another church was formed in South Natick and properly chose the site of the original three meeting houses for its building site.

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*In learning the Mohegan dialect of the Indians, Eliot faced a difficult task. For instance, the following single word meant "our question"—*

*Kummogkodnnattootummooctiteaongannumarash.*



## VI.

### *The Fourth Meeting House*

THE FOURTH MEETING HOUSE was now in the center and all wrangling was over. The whites had won. Henceforth it was the parish church completely dominated by the white citizens. The meeting house with its cemetery occupied the hub of the town. The South Natick members gave in gracefully and seven members of Badger's church became "charter members" of the center church.

### *The Reverend Sears, 1806-1810*

The new white meeting house with its dull red roof waited until 1806 for its first full-time minister. In that year the Rev. Freeman Sears came to Natick. Instead of the usual Harvard graduate, he was from Williams College.

Sears was a Cape Codder from Harwich, and although generally in poor health, he was an excellent choice, beloved by his parishioners. In our vault are his complete records, kept in his own writing. His

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### One Sunday Morning

*Henry Durant, who founded Wellesley College in 1870, had a great love of preaching in local churches. He would travel considerable distances to preach on a Sunday morning, and his delivery was so good that he was always welcome. One Sunday in 1866, Durant gave the sermon at our church. Henry Wilson (then U. S. Senator from Massachusetts, and later Vice-president under Grant) was sitting in a pew down near the front, as a visitor. Durant gave a particularly stirring sermon, cutting deep to the hearts of his listeners. At the close of the sermon, Mr. Wilson surprised the entire congregation by standing up in his pew and asking permission to say a few words. Permission was granted, and in humble tones Mr. Wilson acknowledged the great honors that had been his through the years, and the wealth that had come his lot. Then, with a tremor in his voice, he concluded, saying: "But I have never felt so needy in my whole life as I do this morning. I need Jesus Christ, and I would like to join the Church." Perhaps no more heartfelt request for membership was ever recorded in our Church's history.*

title for our church was "The Church of Christ in Natick," a title also used by Oliver Peabody. Undoubtedly Sears had what is today known as tuberculosis, and its slow advance diminished his ability, for his ministry ended with his death in 1810. He was buried in the church cemetery. His body was removed to Dell Park Cemetery in 1857, where his church friends erected his present quaint monument.

In 1802 the church voted to keep church matters separate from the town, so from that time on the church was more independent. The earliest entry in the 1802 record book shows that it was voted to use real Malaga wine for communion purposes, although many entries soon show terrible strictness in all temperance matters.

### *Selling the "100 Acres," 1812*

In 1812 the church voted to petition the General Court for "liberty to sell the ministerial lot, in order to raise a fund for support of the gospel." The petition was granted and the church appointed trustees to sell the ministerial "100 acres."

It is now interesting to see what some of this land, now very valuable, was sold for.

1½ acre in front of the meeting house . . . . .	\$ 55.
23½ acres between Grove and Willow Sts. . . . .	\$1181.
8½ acres between Willow St. and North Ave. . . . .	\$ 425.
½ acre to the north of the meeting house . . . . .	\$ 51.
4 acres on the north corner of Pond and Main Sts. . . . .	\$ 250.

The lands not sold included all the streets, meeting house lot, part of common and the three center cemeteries (Indian on Pond Street, church cemetery where Natick Trust Co. building stands, and one, soon moved, at south corner of Pond and South Main Street).

In 1857 a question of ownership of the church cemetery arose. The Town of Natick now claimed this cemetery and the question went to court. The court decided in favor of the town, as it was declared to be a town cemetery. The bodies in the cemetery were then moved to Dell Park Cemetery, and the town proceeded to sell this less than half acre for \$15,000. This half acre brought, for the town, more than three times the amount the entire 82 acres had brought the church forty-five years before. However, the church still has the money for which it sold its lands.

## *The Church and Town Grow Up*

After the death of Freeman Sears, the church elected Martin Moore as minister, and he came in 1814. He was a Brown University graduate and brought many new ideas to our church. In 1818 our first Sunday School was started with Oliver Bacon as superintendent. Mr. Moore organized a committee for examination of church members. He started the first "Total Abstinence" pledge in 1831. He held the first "revival," then known as "Four Days Meeting," in 1831.

The vigorous Martin Moore left us in 1833, leaving a church of 170 members. The Rev. Erasmus D. Moore, an Amherst graduate, was then elected minister.

In 1834 the Boston and Worcester Steam Railroad came through Natick, and the town began to grow. The congregation was increased, and the little meeting house became too small. A new meeting house was voted and the small building, now painted yellow, was moved to Summer Street, where it eventually became a factory.

## VII.

### *The Fifth Building, 1834*

THE NEW meeting house was white colonial with a high pillared front and a fine belfry. The building cost \$8,000. It was a beautiful construction, typical of the New England church of that period.

Erasmus D. Moore left in 1838. The following year the Rev. Samuel Hunt became our minister. He was an Amherst College and Princeton graduate, and was paid the salary of \$650. It was during his ministry that Henry Wilson, later vice president of the United States, came under his influence. Wilson often voiced his great appreciation of this influence.

Mr. Hunt was with our church for eleven years, during which he started the church on its missionary or benevolence giving. Mr. Hunt left us in 1850 for a larger pastorate, later became secretary to Henry Wilson.

In 1852 the Rev. Elias Nason became minister at the then large salary of \$900. The town was again growing and the wooden meeting house was declared too small. The building was sold to a Universalist Society (soon defunct), and was afterward sold by them to the Roman Catholic Church as their first Natick church home. When it was sold by us it was moved to the south side of East Central Street.



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN NATICK, BUILT 1799



THE SIXTH MEETING HOUSE, built in 1853-54 at a cost of \$28,000 and completely destroyed by the great Natick fire of 1874. INSERT — The fourth meeting house, and the first one erected in Natick Center, was built in 1799. This building was used by the Church until the congregation outgrew it and a larger construction was voted in 1834.

## *Our Sixth Meeting House, 1852*

A brick church building was then erected on the same site at a cost of \$28,000. A really fine edifice for those days, it had a bell and a fine organ.

Mr. Nason, after a six year pastorate, left for a larger church, and the Rev. Charles M. Tyler came as minister. Natick was now a town of 5,000 inhabitants, so he was granted the huge sum of \$1200. This salary was soon raised to \$1600.

Mr. Tyler, while here, was chosen by the town to serve in the legislature, but soon left for a chaplaincy with the Union troops during the Civil War, after which he left for a large pastorate in Chicago.

In 1869 the Rev. Jesse H. Jones came as minister with a large salary of \$2000, and it really was a tremendous salary for that generation. A dollar a day at that time was considered a good wage for an experienced laborer. Mr. Jones stayed two years and left us in 1871.

Natick was by now quite a town, growing and most prosperous. Some quite sizeable fortunes were starting, and the church also prospered. Looking for an exceptional man as minister, the church found the Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, who came to us in 1872. (Salary \$2,500!)

## *The Fire of 1874*

In 1874, on January 13, the great fire occurred, when we lost our church building which had just been enlarged and improved at considerable cost. We accepted the kind offer of the Baptist Church to meet in their vestry until we could erect our "temporary tabernacle."

This latter was a one story, flat-roofed structure, about 64 by 68

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### **The Burning of a Steeple**

*A description of the great Natick fire of 1874, as reported in The Natick Bulletin of January 17th, said: "The burning of the spire of the fine Congregational Church was a magnificent spectacle, though a sad one. The body of the edifice had been consumed and had fallen in, leaving the spire standing like a flame-sheeted spectre. As the covering became burned it left the flame exposed to view, presenting a complete network of glowing fire with here and there little jets of variegated smoke puffing out. Just before the bell fell from its position, it gave three mournful strokes, as if in solemn farewell."*



feet in floor space, built at a cost of \$1,700. Located just south of the present police station on Park Street, the building was used for over two years until the new church was completed.

In March of 1874 the Parish voted to buy the "bakehouse lot" to the east, and then voted to erect a new brick church building, seating 750 people, at a cost of nearly \$50,000.

## VIII.

### *Our Building of Today*

THE NEW church building, our present one, was started, and in May 1875 the cornerstone was laid, enclosing the usual sealed metal box containing contemporary and historic church documents. This new building was to be suitable for a growing and prosperous community, so time was taken to do a fine piece of work. At least two years were taken to finish the Gothic style structure. While the auditorium was being completed, services were held in the main vestry until 1881.

In 1876, Leonard Morse provided the bell we now use. It weighs 2531 pounds and still calls us for service. Nathaniel Clark gave the clock for the spire, and a Mrs. Fiske gave the sanctuary clock.

The church, under Dr. Peloubet, prospered and the average Sunday congregation was over five hundred. The Sunday School had 40 classes with a membership of 620. All this was in 1877 when Natick had a population of 7400. Dr. Peloubet combined his active parish duties with much writing. Even today some of his books are used as study or text books. The Peloubet ministry lasted until 1883.

### THE REVEREND STURGIS, 1884-1903

In 1884 the Rev. F. E. Sturgis came as minister. In those days the largest part of the church income came from pew rent. The pews were bought, or really hired, by their occupants, and the resulting rent provided over ninety percent of the church income. The privilege of having first choice of pews was auctioned off to the highest bidders.

In 1891 the church purchased one half of the wall of the Woodbury building on the south side and voted to enlarge the church by an addition in that direction, and this was done. Mr. Sturgis, in 1898, was paid a salary of \$3,000, so evidently he was most successful. The

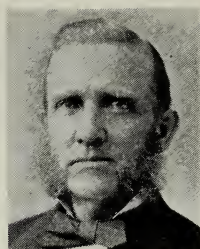
## FORMER MINISTERS



THE REVEREND DR.  
MORRIS H. TURK  
1903-1911



THE REVEREND DR.  
F. E. STURGIS  
1884-1903



THE REVEREND DR.  
FRANCIS N. PELOUBET  
1872-1883

Winnemay Street parsonage had been given by Riley Pebbles, subject to a life payment to him of \$300 annually.

The nineteen year ministry of Mr. Sturgis came to an end with his resignation in 1903.

### *Church Receipts Dwindle*

That same year Dr. Morris H. Turk was chosen minister with a salary of \$2000, plus free use of the parsonage. He started preaching in January 1904. The church income at this period was receding. Undoubtedly all the newer churches that had arisen in Natick were drawing from our membership. In 1906 the church receipts were \$6000. (Nevertheless, over \$1000 was spent for music.) In 1907 receipts were \$5500; in 1908, \$4800.

In 1909 receipts rose to \$5100. And in 1910 the church started to get weekly or annual pledges to supplement the pew rent. Dr. Turk was given a leave of absence to go on a mission to Turkey, but he soon sent in his resignation.

In 1912 Arthur W. Ackerman was called as minister. He had been a business man who had later entered the ministry and was 55 years old—somewhat older than the ministers we had called before. We were still paying a \$2000 salary. Dr. Ackerman was the last minister to follow the Victorian custom of wearing very formal layman's dress while in the pulpit. Many of us have a very clear mental picture of Dr. Ackerman in his immaculate black "Prince Albert" coat, his carefully pressed black trousers, and the stock collar with the huge tie.

## *Church and Parish Combined, 1914*

In 1914 the two separate bodies of church and parish were combined, and we were a single legal unit, as the First Congregational *Parish* of Natick was dissolved. The church was legally given the Ministerial Fund and all properties formerly held by the Parish.

## THE REVEREND BACON, 1923-1939

On Dr. Ackerman's retirement, the Rev. Alvin C. Bacon came as minister in 1923. Mr. Bacon was a direct descendant of Jeremiah Bacon who left South Natick in the early 1700's because his wife was afraid of the Indians.

Mr. Bacon had been educated at Andover, Williams, Hartford and Edinburgh. His scholarly background and army chaplain experience were admirably suited to his task, for within a year or two great numbers of members were added. Sixty-six persons joined the church at his first Easter service. The total of 107 new members in the year 1924 was a state record and received quite a bit of publicity. Mr. Bacon, at the church request, returned to the old colonial custom of wearing a gown in the pulpit, a custom since followed.

During the Bacon ministry, the church sanctuary was renovated, the woodwork refinished, and the sombre paint changed to a lighter color. The Sunday School was increased, and on many Sundays the entire main and south vestries were full. A new parsonage on Florence Street was purchased during this period of prosperity. This is our present parsonage.

Mr. Bacon's long ministry came to an end in 1939, and the Rev. Frederick W. Alden was called.

## THE REVEREND ALDEN, 1939-1946

Mr. Alden installed an office in the church building for the minister and his secretary. Regular office hours were established. This office

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### Our Own Disciples

*The following men, who grew up as members of this Church, chose the field of ministry for their life's work: Leander Coolidge, Amasa C. Fay, Howard D. French, Ernest Lynch and Ferdinand A. Travis.*

soon became a busy place, for World War II was with us. Mr. Alden started a newsletter for our many members in the armed forces, and carried on a steady correspondence with nearly all of them.

Mr. Alden was a man of tremendous energy, and his tireless nature was reflected in the growth of church activities. However, this energy was needed in larger fields, so he resigned to accept the position of Minister to the New Hampshire State Conference in 1946.

### THE REVEREND PAUL D. TILLER

In 1947 Paul D. Tiller came as minister. He had been educated at McMaster University and Harvard. His unanimous election was partly due to the powerful sermons heard by the selection committee, and the congregation has been enjoying similar sermons every Sunday since.

Our church is expanding as befits a growing community, and many welcome new citizens are becoming members. As we look back on the three hundred years of Christian service represented by our church, we pray that the church may enjoy another, even greater, three hundred years. Our active participation today can guarantee a good start toward its next great anniversary.



THE JUNIOR CHURCH, for junior high and high school students, meets before the regular church service on Sunday mornings.



## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

**THE WOMEN'S UNION** was founded in 1903, united all the women's groups of the Church at that time into one organization for a stronger, combined effort. The Union meets the fourth Tuesday afternoon of each month at the Church. Basically a social and religious group, the Union devotes effort toward home and foreign missions, and cooperates in general upkeep and activities of the Church. It sponsors two annual rummage sales and a Christmas bazaar. Its approximate membership is 250, and all women of the Church are invited to become members.

**THE MEN'S CLUB** holds dinner meetings at the Church on the third Thursday of each month, followed by entertainment, speakers, movies or games. Designed to stimulate good fellowship, the group sponsors a Sunday School Outing, Church Bazaar, special Christmas lighting, and an annual Club outing. An outgrowth of the Men's Class (later called the Eldridge Class) which originated around 1920, the Club has approximately 165 members.

**THE COUPLES' CLUB** consists of a group of young couples in the Church who meet together for friendship and entertainment. Monthly dinner meetings are held at the Church featuring varied speakers and games. Occasional donations are made to the Church, and the Club sponsors its own annual picnic. Founded about 1928, the Club has around 100 members.



**THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT** of the Sunday School, for little children three and four years old, meets during church service.



## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

**THE STITCH & STORY CLUB** was originally organized in 1912 for younger matrons and business women who were unable to attend afternoon meetings. Its purpose is to promote the interest of its members in social and religious activities of the Church and to advance home and foreign missions. Meetings, held in the west vestry of the Church the first Monday of each month, consist of a short business session, worship service, speaker and refreshments. The club has approximately 55 members, and all women of the Church are invited to join.

**THE SENIOR CHI ALPHA** is an outgrowth of the old Christian Endeavor group, with membership made up of boys and girls of high school age. Meeting Sunday evenings at the Church, the group is primarily social, sponsoring occasional dances and an annual retreat. Its present membership is about 25.

**THE JUNIOR CHI ALPHA**, very similar in activity to its senior group, is for boys and girls of junior high school age and meets Sunday evenings at the Church.

**THE FAMILY CLUB**, a comparatively new group established in 1949, is designed to encourage recreation of the whole family as a unit. Supper meetings are usually followed by games, dancing or educational movies. Membership is about 60.



**THE KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT**, for children between the ages of four and six, meets every Sunday morning from 11:00 to 12:00.

# ROSTER of MEMBERS

OF THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of NATICK

*active as of April, 1951*

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MRS. MYRTLE ABBOTT	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
DR. RICHARD N. ABBOTT	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH ACKEN	<i>June 8, 1947</i>
RALPH D. ACKEN	<i>June 8, 1947</i>
MRS. AIMEE ADAMS	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
MISS ELEANOR C. ADAMS	<i>April 4, 1926</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH C. ADAMS	<i>Nov. 3, 1907</i>
MRS. FISKE ADAMS	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
HERBERT F. ADAMS	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
MRS. MABEL V. ADAMS	<i>April 16, 1939</i>
MRS. HOPE H. ALBRECHT	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
RICHARD W. ALBRECHT	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
EDWARD H. ALEXANDER	<i>April 20, 1930</i>
MRS. MARY A. ALLEN	<i>March 1, 1908</i>
MRS. HELEN ALLISON	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
WILLIAM ALLISON	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
MRS. ELEANOR ANDERSON	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
EMIL ANDERSON	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
MRS. ESTHER W. ANDERSON	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
MRS. EVELYN L. ANDERSON	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
PHILIP D. ANDERSON	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
WALTER J. ANDERSON, JR.	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
DONALD ARCHER	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH ARCHER	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. E. FRANCES ARMSTRONG	<i>Nov. 6, 1904</i>
JOHN G. ARMSTRONG	<i>April 20, 1930</i>
JOHN G. ARMSTRONG, JR.	<i>January 6, 1918</i>
MRS. AGNES ATKINSON	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
ARTHUR G. ATKINSON	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
MRS. FLORENCE S. ATKINSON	<i>April 4, 1926</i>
SIDNEY M. ATKINSON	<i>April 4, 1926</i>
FRANK ATKINSON	<i>March 7, 1886</i>
MRS. DOROTHY AUSTIN	<i>April 20, 1924</i>
MRS. MIRIAM AVERY	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>

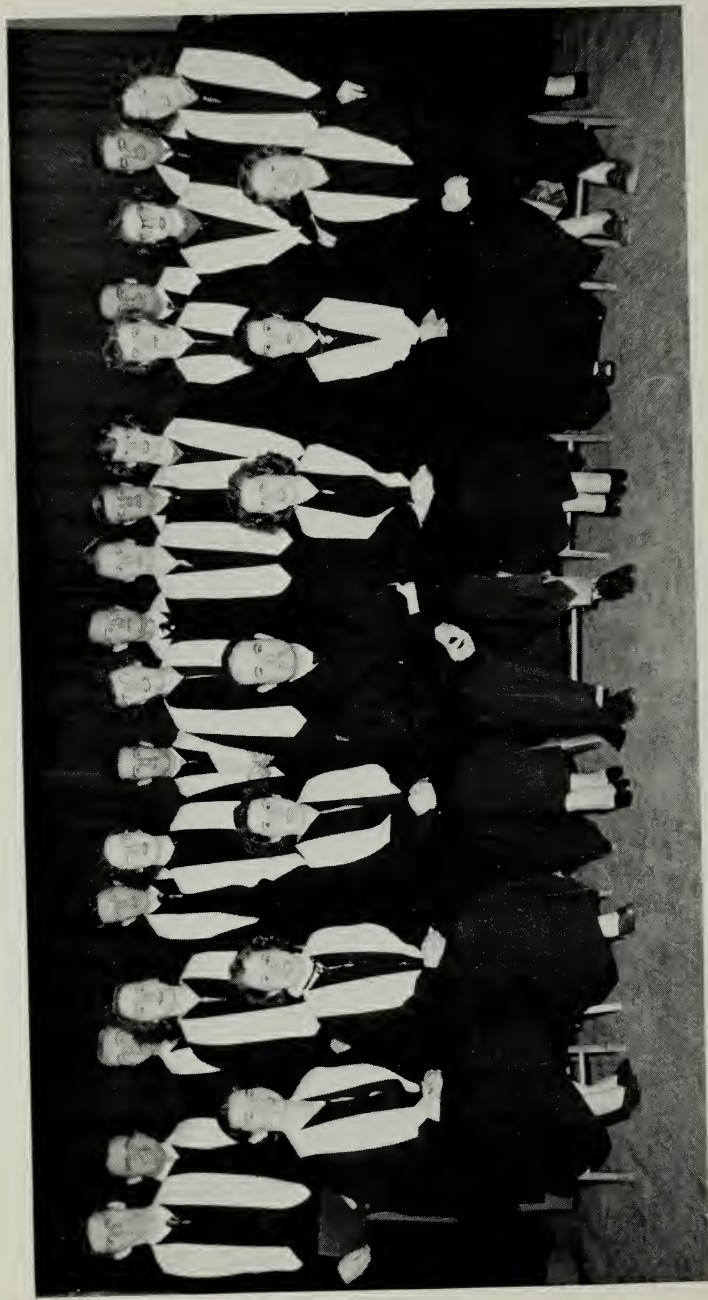
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MRS. ETHEL M. BADGER	<i>Jan. 4, 1920</i>
JOEL W. BADGER	<i>Jan. 4, 1920</i>
BRADBURY J. BAGLEY	<i>Jan. 3, 1943</i>
MRS. LAURA W. BAGLEY	<i>Jan. 3, 1943</i>
HARRY D. BAKER	<i>May 3, 1936</i>
LLOYD A. BAKER	<i>April 8, 1945</i>

MRS. LUCILLE M. BAKER	<i>Jan. 5, 1936</i>
MRS. SUSAN C. BAKER	<i>April 8, 1945</i>
MRS. BLANCHE B. BALCOM	<i>May 20, 1934</i>
MILO BALCOM	<i>May 20, 1934</i>
LOUIS H. BALCOM	<i>April 8, 1928</i>
RICHARD BALCOM	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
ROBERT M. BALCOM	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
MRS. ROBERT M. BALCOM	<i>Dec. 7, 1947</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH A. BARBER	<i>Oct. 6, 1946</i>
HENRY A. BARBER	<i>May 20, 1934</i>
MRS. HENRY A. BARBER	<i>March 27, 1932</i>
KENNETH F. BARBER	<i>May 3, 1936</i>
JANET M. BARBER	<i>May 1, 1938</i>
RUTH E. BARBER	<i>April 8, 1945</i>
MRS. RUTH I. BARBER	<i>March 27, 1932</i>
CHARLES BARKER	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
MRS. GRACE BARKER	<i>Feb. 4, 1951</i>
CHARLES BARKER, JR.	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
DAVID BARKER	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
GRACE E. BARTLETT	<i>Jan. 3, 1897</i>
MARCIA BATES	<i>May 20, 1934</i>
MRS. METHYL G. BATES	<i>Jan. 4, 1920</i>
WILLIAM B. BATES	<i>May 3, 1936</i>
RUSSELL J. BAYLEY, SR.	<i>May 4, 1947</i>
MRS. RHODA N. BAYLEY	<i>May 4, 1947</i>
MRS. MABEL L. BEAN	<i>April 8, 1945</i>
FLORENCE E. BEARCE	<i>Jan. 3, 1886</i>
JAMES R. P. BELL	<i>April 20, 1930</i>
MRS. LEOTA BENEDICT	<i>Dec. 3, 1944</i>
MRS. BARBARA BENT	<i>May 3, 1936</i>
MISS MARION BENTON	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
MRS. DOROTHY BEWLEY	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
GERTRUDE BIGELOW	<i>Nov. 6, 1887</i>
DOROTHY BIGELOW	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MARY ELIZABETH BIGELOW	<i>April 6, 1947</i>
MRS. MARY T. BIGELOW	<i>May 7, 1916</i>
WILLIAM FRANCIS BIGELOW	<i>April 20, 1924</i>
WILLIAM REED BIGELOW	<i>July 6, 1879</i>
ANDREW A. BIGGS	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MRS. RUTH BIGGS	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
ARTHUR H. BIRKETT, JR.	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
FRANK C. BISHOP	<i>March 1, 1914</i>
FRANK M. BISHOP	<i>May 6, 1923</i>
MRS. ILIONE E. BISHOP	<i>March 1, 1914</i>

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MRS. MARY O. BISHOP	<i>Jan. 6, 1924</i>	— C —	
WENDELL BISHOP	<i>March 27, 1932</i>		
GEESKE BOEKEE	<i>April 9, 1950</i>	MRS. SELMA CAISSE	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
MRS. MARIA BOEKEE	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>	MRS. MARY CHANDLER	<i>June 11, 1944</i>
WILLIAM BOEKEE	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>	MRS. S. ELIZABETH CHAPIN	<i>Jan. 7, 1906</i>
MAURICE A. BOND	<i>April 9, 1950</i>	MRS. MURIEL CHASE	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MRS. MILDRED BOND	<i>April 9, 1950</i>	PHILLIPS F. CHASE	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
MRS. GRACE M. BOSWORTH	<i>May 4, 1941</i>	MRS. PHILLIPS F. CHASE	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
MRS. ALICE BOUTILIER	<i>Jan. 2, 1944</i>	MRS. EVELYN CLARK	<i>May 1, 1904</i>
RUSSELL BOUTILIER	<i>Jan. 2, 1944</i>	MRS. PHYLLIS E. CLARK	<i>April 20, 1924</i>
MRS. FLORENCE A. BOWERS	<i>Jan. 4, 1920</i>	MISS VIRGINIA CLARK	<i>April 20, 1930</i>
ELROY H. BOWKER	<i>March 27, 1932</i>	MRS. MAUDE F. CLAY	<i>June 21, 1908</i>
BARBARA BOWMAN	<i>April 17, 1949</i>	MRS. ELVA CLIFFORD	<i>Dec. 7, 1947</i>
ROBERT BOWMAN	<i>April 6, 1947</i>	PAUL CLIFFORD	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
RUSSELL S. BOWMAN	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>	MRS. VIRGINIA CLIFFORD	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
MRS. JANICE BOWMAN	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>	STEPHEN I. CLOSE	<i>March 5, 1905</i>
MRS. HAZEL R. BRADFORD	<i>Jan. 1, 1922</i>	GEORGE CLOVER	<i>Feb. 4, 1951</i>
MRS. ELLA L. BRADY	<i>March 7, 1920</i>	MRS. MARION CLOVER	<i>Feb. 4, 1951</i>
RICHARD BRADY	<i>June 18, 1944</i>	MRS. KATHERINE COADY	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
MRS. EVELYN L. BRAGDON	<i>May 5, 1935</i>	KEMPTON J. COADY	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
MAHLON H. BRAGDON	<i>April 20, 1924</i>	MRS. KATHERINE P. COFFIN	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
CHARLES BRICKLEY	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>	MELVIN H. COFFIN	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MRS. LOIS BRICKLEY	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>	MRS. JESSIE COFFIN	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MRS. SUZANNE BROCKERT	<i>March 25, 1951</i>	MISS GERTRUDE M. COLBURN	<i>Nov. 4, 1888</i>
WILLIAM O. BROCKERT	<i>March 25, 1951</i>	MRS. HELEN M. COLLINGHAM	<i>May 6, 1923</i>
SADIE E. BROOKINGS	<i>July 6, 1890</i>	MISS GEORGIANA COLLINS	<i>March 5, 1905</i>
MRS. HELEN A. BROOKS	<i>Nov. 3, 1940</i>	JOHN F. COLLINS	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
LUCILLE E. BROOKS	<i>May 5, 1907</i>	MRS. LUCY R. COLLINS	<i>April 9, 1944</i>
WARREN F. BROOKS	<i>Nov. 3, 1940</i>	MISS CAROLINE COLUMBIA	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
WARREN F. BROOKS, JR.	<i>May 2, 1943</i>	GEORGE A. COLUMBIA	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
FRANK O. BROWN	<i>Nov. 6, 1887</i>	MRS. HELEN COLUMBIA	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
JOAN BROWN	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>	RICHARD CONNELL	<i>June 2, 1946</i>
MISS MARION K. BROWN	<i>May 4, 1919</i>	ARCHIE C. COOPER	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
A. PAUL BUCCHERI	<i>March 28, 1949</i>	MRS. NELL C. COOPER	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
MRS. ELLA MAE BUCCHERI	<i>March 28, 1948</i>	MISS JEAN COTTON	<i>May 2, 1943</i>
MRS. ELSIE G. BUCKLEY	<i>Nov. 30, 1924</i>	MRS. ALICE M. COUTU	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MILDRED I. BUELL	<i>May 5, 1907</i>	JOSEPH COUTU	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MRS. ELEANOR BULLIS	<i>April 9, 1950</i>	ARTHUR C. COX	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
HOMER M. BULLIS	<i>April 9, 1950</i>	MRS. ELIZABETH G. COX	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
MRS. BELLE BURLEIGH	<i>March 25, 1951</i>	MRS. NATALIE CROSBY	<i>May 3, 1936</i>
ROBERT BURLEIGH	<i>March 25, 1951</i>	MISS ANNE CROWE	<i>June 8, 1947</i>
MRS. MILDRED A. BURBIDGE	<i>April 8, 1945</i>	FRANK A. CROWE	<i>June 18, 1944</i>
MRS. SHIRLEY A. BUTCHARD	<i>April 6, 1939</i>	MRS. FRANK A. CROWE	<i>June 18, 1944</i>
F. HAROLD BUTCHMAN	<i>Jan. 3, 1943</i>	MISS BARBARA CUMMINGS	<i>May 20, 1934</i>
MRS. GERTRUDE BUTCHMAN	<i>Jan. 3, 1943</i>	MRS. MAUDE CUMMINGS	<i>June 24, 1923</i>
DAVID BUTLER	<i>April 17, 1949</i>	MRS. RUTH CUMMINGS	<i>April 20, 1924</i>
MRS. MYRTLE A. BUTLER	<i>May 7, 1933</i>	MRS. GRACE CUPPLES	<i>Jan. 3, 1886</i>
MRS. PAULINE H. BUTLER	<i>May 4, 1941</i>	MRS. EMILY L. CURLEY	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
WILLIAM P. BUTLER	<i>May 4, 1941</i>	MRS. EUNICE C. CURTIN	<i>May 2, 1943</i>
WILLIAM P. BUTLER, JR.	<i>June 1, 1947</i>	ROBERT V. CURTIN	<i>May 2, 1943</i>
		MRS. MYRTLE CURTIS	<i>March 25, 1951</i>



THE CHURCH CHOIR, whose singing brightens our Sunday services. *Front row (left to right):* Mrs. Leslie Marcuse, Miss Mary Lee Rogers, Miss Elsie Teshu, Walter Marcuse, Mrs. Edith Carey, Mrs. Martha Pawle, and Miss Mary Leavitt. *Second Row:* Richard Sanborn, Mrs. Evelyn Bragdon, Miss Sally Perkins, Mrs. Bessie Dowse, Mrs. Maria Boekee, Miss Martha Griffin, Mrs. Betty Damon, Miss Priscilla French and Miss Dianne Morris. *Rear row:* Harrison Thorpe, Donald Hubbard, Kenneth Damon, Melvin Heefner, Walter Perkins, George Columbia, Paul Clifford and Walter Peterson.



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KENNETH R. DAMON	<i>Feb. 4, 1951</i>
MRS. VERA ELISABETH DAMON	<i>Feb. 4, 1951</i>
LOYD E. DANFORTH	<i>April 5, 1931</i>
MRS. RUTH R. DANFORTH	<i>Jan. 4, 1920</i>
MISS ISABELLE DECKER	<i>March 5, 1922</i>
MISS ELEANOR DEMERITT	<i>May 3, 1936</i>
FRANKLIN DEMERITT, JR.	<i>Jan. 5, 1936</i>
MRS. LORRAINE DEMERITT	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
MRS. HELEN H. DEMERITT	<i>Dec. 3, 1944</i>
MISS PRISCILLA DEMERITT	<i>Dec. 3, 1944</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH T. DERRICK	<i>March 31, 1929</i>
MRS. GEORGE V. DEVERELL	<i>June 27, 1943</i>
MRS. IRENE E. DOGGETT	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
CORINNE E. DOLPH	<i>June 2, 1946</i>
DONALD DOLPH	<i>June 26, 1938</i>
LAWRENCE DOLPH	<i>June 26, 1938</i>
MRS. GRETCHEN B. DOLAN	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
WILLARD J. DOLAN	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
WILLARD J. DOLAN, JR.	<i>June 1, 1947</i>
MISS GERTRUDE DRAKE	<i>Oct. 1, 1950</i>
MRS. IVA DUFFET	<i>April 8, 1945</i>
EDWARD L. DUMMER	<i>Jan. 2, 1944</i>
MRS. DOROTHY DUNCAN	<i>April 4, 1926</i>
MISS JACQUELINE E. DURBIN	<i>June 2, 1946</i>

## — E —

MISS WANETA B. EASTMAN	<i>Feb. 5, 1950</i>
MRS. BARBARA EDWARDS	<i>March 24, 1940</i>
MISS CLAIRE ELDRIDGE	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
CLARENCE C. ELDRIDGE	<i>May 2, 1909</i>
MRS. MARION ELDRIDGE	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MISS EMILY EMANUELSON	<i>March 3, 1895</i>
MISS CAROL ERICKSON	<i>April 6, 1947</i>
MRS. HANNAH ERICKSON	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
GRANT ERICKSON	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
RALPH E. ERICKSON	<i>Oct. 6, 1946</i>

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MRS. BESSIE L. FAIRBANKS	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
BETTY MARIE FAIRBANKS	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
MRS. PATRICIA FAIRBANKS	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
ROBERT FAIRBANKS	<i>May 5, 1935</i>
MARY MARIA FERGUSON	<i>Nov. 5, 1905</i>
ADDIE B. FINLEY	<i>March 4, 1888</i>
MRS. CYNTHIA K. FISKE	<i>Nov. 1, 1903</i>
MRS. MARGARET A. FISKE	<i>March 27, 1932</i>
ROBERT B. FISKE	<i>May 1, 1927</i>
ROY L. FISKE	<i>March 27, 1932</i>
THOMAS F. FISKE	<i>May 6, 1883</i>

MRS. ELINORE FITCH	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
LOWELL E. FITCH	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
AUSTIN FITTZ, JR.	<i>April 20, 1924</i>
ARTHUR W. FITZGERALD	<i>June 27, 1915</i>
MYRA F. FITZGERALD	<i>June 27, 1915</i>
MRS. FLORENCE M. FLYNN	<i>April 6, 1947</i>
RUSSELL J. FOGELIN	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. RUTH B. FOGELIN	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
EVERETT L. FORD	<i>Nov. 29, 1925</i>
MRS. MARY C. FORD	<i>Nov. 29, 1925</i>
MRS. PEARL FORSBERG	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MRS. IOLA T. FRENCH	<i>Jan. 6, 1924</i>
REV. HOWARD D. FRENCH	<i>Jan. 6, 1924</i>
PRISCILLA ANN FRENCH	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. WILFORD A. FRENCH	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
MRS. HERBERT E. FRIKART	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
HERBERT K. FRIKART	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
MRS. PRISCILLA A. FRIKART	<i>May 3, 1936</i>

## — G —

ROBERT A. GARBUTT	<i>May 3, 1942</i>
MISS ARLENE GARDNER	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MRS. EVELINE GARDNER	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
JOHN H. GARDNER	<i>June 1, 1947</i>
HAROLD E. GASSETT	<i>June 18, 1944</i>
MRS. PHYLLIS GASSETT	<i>June 18, 1944</i>
MRS. MARY E. GAY	<i>Nov. 7, 1943</i>
MRS. ALBERTA GEARHART	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
DR. DONALD F. GEARHART	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
MISS DONNA L. GEARHART	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
EUGENE GILBERT	<i>Feb. 5, 1950</i>
MRS. IRENE GILBERT	<i>Feb. 5, 1950</i>
MISS BARBARA GILMORE	<i>April 6, 1947</i>
MRS. ASTRID GRADY	<i>April 4, 1926</i>
ALBERT W. GRAHAM	<i>May 3, 1925</i>
MRS. HILDA GRAHAM	<i>June 29, 1941</i>
MRS. IONE M. GRAHAM	<i>April 5, 1931</i>
MISS PATRICIA GRAHAM	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
SEDLEY GRAHAM	<i>June 29, 1941</i>
ALMON D. GRAY	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
MRS. JEAN GRAY	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
KENNETH H. GRAY	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. MARY GRAY	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
HARRY E. GREEN	<i>April 8, 1928</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH F. GREENLEAF	<i>May 1, 1938</i>
F. ERNEST GRIFFIN	<i>May 7, 1933</i>
MISS MARTHA GRIFFIN	<i>April 6, 1947</i>
MRS. MILDRED M. GRIFFIN	<i>May 7, 1933</i>
MRS. EMILY GROVE	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
LAWRENCE R. GROVE	<i>March 25, 1951</i>



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## — H —

MRS. AGNES C. HADDEN *April 6, 1939*  
 CLARENCE W. HADDEN *April 6, 1947*  
 DR. FREDERICK C. HADDEN *April 6, 1939*  
 MRS. LILLIAN C. HADDEN *April 6, 1947*  
 MRS. DOROTHY HALE *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. ELIZABETH P. HALE *March 28, 1948*  
 E. PEMBERTON HALE *April 7, 1946*  
 PAUL S. HALE *May 3, 1925*  
 MRS. DOROTHY R. HALL *May 20, 1934*  
 MRS. DOROTHY L. HALLBERG *April 6, 1939*  
 ALLEN D. HAMMOND *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. EVELYN D. HAMMOND *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. ELIZABETH HAMWEY *May 3, 1925*  
 MISS LOUISE HAMWEY *Feb. 6, 1949*  
 SAMUEL HAMWEY *April 6, 1939*  
 MISS MIRIAM HARDIE *Nov. 5, 1911*  
 MRS. HAZEL HARDY *March 2, 1937*  
 MRS. LOIS A. HARPER *April 17, 1949*  
 MRS. BERNICE H. HARRINGTON *May 4, 1941*  
 NORMAN P. HARRINGTON *May 4, 1941*  
 RALPH D. HARRINGTON *May 4, 1941*  
 MRS. ADELE H. HARRIS *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 LEIGHTON G. HARRIS *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 FRANCIS C. HARVIE *May 1, 1938*  
 MRS. WILHELMINA N. HARVIE *May 1, 1938*  
 MISS BESSIE HASTINGS *May 2, 1937*  
 DANA B. HASTINGS, JR. *May 7, 1933*  
 MRS. FLORENCE A. HASTINGS *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. EMMA B. HATCH *April 7, 1946*  
 MISS LEAH HATCH *April 17, 1940*  
 LEO E. A. HATCH *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. MELISSA HATHAWAY *June 4, 1950*  
 ROBERT E. HATHAWAY *April 9, 1950*  
 MRS. BARBARA R. HAYES *May 4, 1941*  
 OLIN W. HAYES *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 MRS. ALBA HAZEN *June 2, 1946*  
 GEORGE T. HAZEN *June 3, 1945*  
 GEORGE T. HAZEN, JR. *June 3, 1945*  
 MRS. MARGUERITE E. HAZEN *June 3, 1945*  
 ROBERT A. HAZEN *June 3, 1945*  
 GUY ESTABROOK HEALD, JR. *March 31, 1929*  
 MRS. EVA HEEFNER *June 1, 1947*  
 KEITH HEEFNER *June 1, 1947*  
 MELVIN HEEFNER *June 1, 1947*  
 MISS PRUDENCE C. HEEFNER *April 9, 1950*  
 MRS. DOROTHY J. HEINLEIN *May 2, 1937*  
 MARTIN HEINLEIN *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. ESTELLE M. HENDERSON *May 4, 1941*  
 SUMNER D. HERSEY *April 8, 1945*

MRS. MARIE C. HERSEY *April 8, 1945*  
 MRS. INA E. HIBBERT *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 W. GILBERT HIBBERT *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. CORA HILL *March 3, 1895*  
 JOHN HILL, JR. *May 5, 1935*  
 MRS. CYNTHIA HILL *April 6, 1939*  
 OLIVER B. HILL *May 2, 1937*  
 GOLDWIN L. HOLBROOK *May 2, 1915*  
 MRS. JESSIE HOLBROOK *May 2, 1886*  
 MRS. PHYLLIS W. HOLBROOK *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 MRS. VIOLA M. HOLDEN *March 7, 1920*  
 MRS. ANN HOLLAND *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 WINFIELD HOLLAND *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 CHARLES HOLMGREN *March 28, 1948*  
 MRS. ELIZABETH HOLMGREN *March 28, 1948*  
 WILLIAM P. HORTON *April 9, 1950*  
 MISS ETHEL G. HOSMER *March 13, 1927*  
 MRS. FLORA L. HOWE *April 8, 1945*  
 MRS. SUSAN A. HOWE *April 20, 1924*  
 MRS. MARGARET H. HUGHES *May 4, 1919*  
 MISS BARBARA A. HUMPHREY *June 3, 1945*  
 BRUCE A. HUMPHREY *June 3, 1945*  
 FRED HUMPHREY *June 3, 1945*  
 MRS. MARY HUMPHREY *June 3, 1945*  
 STANLEY HUMPHREY *April 17, 1949*  
 MRS. EFFIE M. HUNTER *Jan. 4, 1920*  
 MISS JEANETTE HUNTER *May 2, 1909*  
 MISS MARY H. HUNTER *May 2, 1909*  
 MRS. CORRIS M. HUSSEY *May 2, 1937*  
 EUGENE C. HUSSEY *April 7, 1946*  
 MISS PHYLLIS E. HUSSEY *March 24, 1940*  
 WARREN H. HUSSEY *May 2, 1937*

## — I —

JOHN IRVING *Feb. 4, 1951*  
 MRS. LAURA IRVING *Dec. 3, 1950*

## — J —

MRS. MARJORIE JENSEN *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 ALBERT JOHNSON *March 28, 1948*  
 MRS. ALBERT JOHNSON *March 28, 1948*  
 MISS ALICE R. JOHNSON *May 2, 1915*  
 MRS. ANNA JOHNSON *April 4, 1926*  
 MISS SVEA E. JOHNSON *May 7, 1911*  
 CHARLES K. JOHNSON *March 28, 1948*  
 MISS EDITH A. JOHNSON *June 2, 1946*  
 MRS. EMILY G. JOHNSON *March 28, 1948*  
 MRS. GERTRUDE B. JOHNSON *April 5, 1931*  
 MISS PAULA A. JOHNSON *June 2, 1946*  
 MISS PRISCILLA JOHNSON *April 17, 1949*

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MRS. CATHERINE M. JONES *March 27, 1932*  
 DONALD M. JONES *March 27, 1932*  
 MRS. EUNICE B. JONES *April 4, 1926*  
 KENNETH H. JONES *May 22, 1944*  
 MRS. VIRGINIA D. JONES *Nov. 1, 1942*

### — K —

MRS. SCOTTA V. KARAFF *May 7, 1933*  
 MRS. LOUISE A. KEMP *April 20, 1930*  
 MRS. MARION L. KENNEDY *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 RICHARD H. KENNEDY *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 CHARLES H. KERN *March 28, 1948*  
 MRS. MARGARET N. KERN *March 28, 1948*  
 GEORGE S. KING *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 MRS. LILLIAN KING *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 MERRILL A. KINNEAR *Dec. 5, 1948*  
 MRS. DORIS KINNEAR *Dec. 5, 1948*  
 MRS. ALICE KNOWLTON *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. ANN E. KROOK *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 RUSSELL J. KROOK *Dec. 4, 1949*

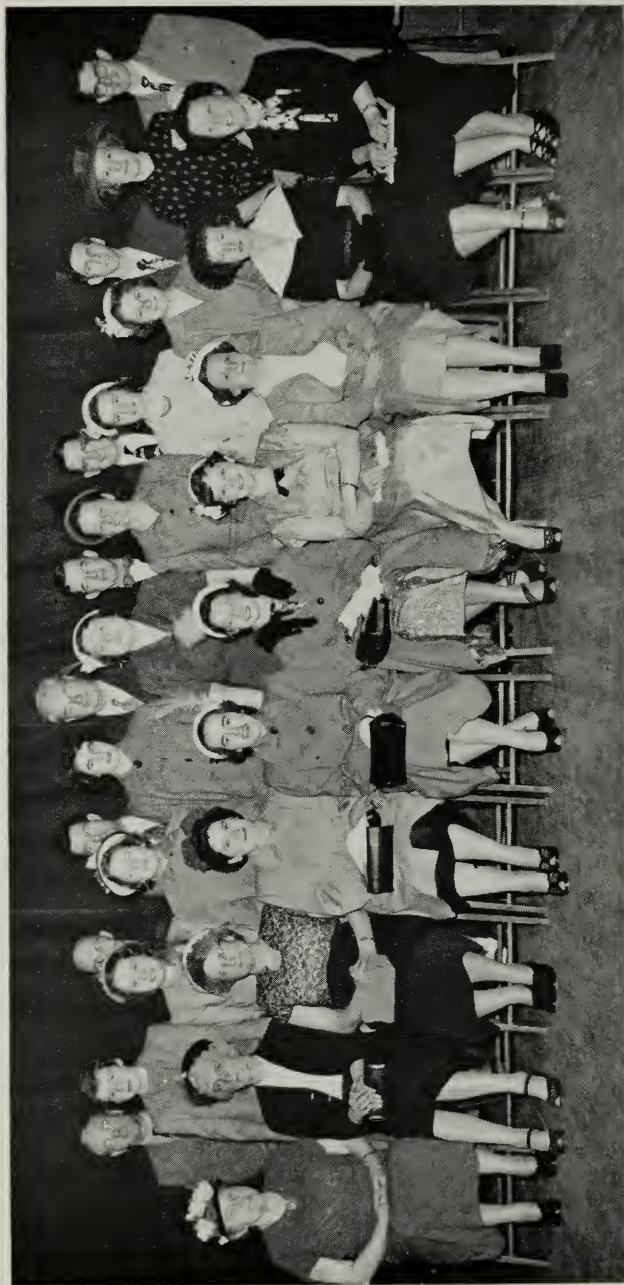
### — L —

MRS. GRACE LAHUE *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 KENNETH LAHUE *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 MRS. VIRGINIA LAMING *May 5, 1935*  
 FREDERICK H. LANGHORST *March 28, 1948*  
 HORACE W. LANGLEY *July 2, 1899*  
 HARTLEY C. LANGTON *April 8, 1928*  
 MRS. MURIEL D. LANGTON *April 1, 1928*  
 ROBERT D. LANGTON *April 6, 1939*  
 FREDERICK H. LARRABEE *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 MRS. MARGARET K. LARRABEE *Dec. 4, 1947*

FRED H. LATHROP *April 20, 1924*  
 MRS. MABEL R. LATHROP *April 20, 1924*  
 ALVIN R. LEAVITT *March 7, 1915*  
 ARTHUR C. LEAVITT *Jan. 4, 1920*  
 MRS. BERNICE E. LEAVITT *Nov. 4, 1917*  
 CARL R. LEAVITT *April 5, 1931*  
 CARLTON R. LEAVITT *April 5, 1931*  
 MRS. EFFIE E. LEAVITT *May 3, 1942*  
 MISS GILDA R. LEAVITT *June 26, 1938*  
 HOWARD F. LEAVITT *March 7, 1915*  
 HOWARD F. LEAVITT, JR. *April 8, 1945*  
 MISS KATHLEEN LEAVITT *March 5, 1905*  
 MISS MARILYN E. LEAVITT *May 3, 1942*  
 MISS MARY LEAVITT *April 6, 1947*  
 MRS. MARY C. LEAVITT *April 8, 1928*  
 RICHARD A. LEAVITT *April 20, 1930*  
 MRS. RUTH J. LEAVITT *May 5, 1935*  
 WALTER D. LEAVITT *May 2, 1909*  
 B. CLAY LEE *March 25, 1951*  
 MRS. MINNIE LEE *March 25, 1951*  
 MRS. RACHEL M. LEECH *May 2, 1909*  
 MRS. CATHERINE C. LEWIS *April 7, 1946*  
 GEORGE W. LEWIS *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. GERTRUDE LEWIS *April 7, 1946*  
 MISS NANCY LEWIS *March 25, 1951*  
 DAVID LIVINGSTON *April 5, 1931*  
 MRS. JANET LIVINGSTON *April 5, 1931*  
 MRS. PEARL LoCASALE *April 9, 1950*  
 THOMAS LoCASALE *Feb. 5, 1950*  
 MISS GEORGINE LORD *April 9, 1950*  
 MRS. MILDRED C. LORD *April 9, 1950*  
 R. VINCENT LORD *April 9, 1950*



THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, for youngsters in the first, second and third grades, meets during the Sunday morning church service.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS who devote unselfish time and energy to the teaching and supervising of the children of our growing Church school. *Seated (left to right):* Mrs. Susie Moore, Mrs. Esther Hart, Mrs. C. Matthews, Mrs. Hilda Graham, Mrs. Ina Hibbert, Miss Agnes Morrice, Miss Barbara Powell, Mrs. Grace McMillan, Mrs. Dorothy Wright and Mrs. Mary Gray. *Standing (front row):* Miss Claire Eldridge, Miss Virginia Langhorst, Miss Ellen Anderson, Miss Mary Elizabeth Bigelow, Mrs. Wilhelmina Harvie, Mrs. Amelia Rogers, Miss Prudence Heefner, Miss Patricia Graham and Mrs. Mary Zayotti. *Standing (rear):* Sedley Graham, Fred Wagg, David Wood, Edward Dummer, Frederick Langhorst, Ernest Wright, Richard Sanborn and Robert Vancil.



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RALPH V. LORD, JR. *April 9, 1950*  
 CHARLES F. LOVEYS *March 25, 1951*  
 SHIRLEY C. LOVEYS *March 25, 1951*  
 ALVIN LUCE *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 MRS. RUTH M. LUCE *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 MRS. HELEN R. LUPIN *May 3, 1925*  
 MISS JANE LUPIN *May 2, 1943*  
 MRS. ESTHER F. LYFORD *April 8, 1928*  
 WALDO P. LYFORD *May 2, 1909*

## — M —

MRS. LYDIA MABEE *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. ABBIE M. MacDONALD *June 18, 1944*  
 MRS. ELIZABETH H. MacDONALD *Apr. 5, 1931*  
 MRS. JEAN E. MacFARLAND *May 20, 1934*  
 MRS. MARJORIE V. MACKENZIE *April 20, 1930*  
 JOHN J. MACKENZIE *May 5, 1935*  
 MRS. ANNIE C. MacSWAN *Jan. 4, 1920*  
 MRS. LOIS E. MADDIX *May 4, 1941*  
 FRANCIS MAHARD *May 5, 1935*  
 FRANCIS M. MAHARD *May 2, 1909*  
 MRS. JEAN MAHARD *May 4, 1941*  
 MRS. RUTH MAHARD *May 3, 1925*  
 WALTER K. MAHARD *May 3, 1936*  
 WILLIAM MALCOLM *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. RUTH M. MALCOLM *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. SHIRLEY MALOON *April 7, 1946*  
 MISS MYRTLE MARKHAM *April 20, 1924*  
 MISS BARBARA L. MARTIN *June 18, 1944*  
 GENE R. MARTIN *May 3, 1936*  
 MRS. HARRIET MARTIN *May 5, 1935*  
 JOHN C. MARTIN *May 20, 1934*  
 WILLIAM R. MARTIN, JR. *May 20, 1934*  
 MRS. ALICE L. MAULSBY *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 ELDRIDGE MAULSBY *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 FRANCIS E. McALLAN *March 31, 1929*  
 JOSEPH McALLAN *June 6, 1909*  
 MRS. MARJORIE E. McCAIN *April 7, 1946*  
 WILLIAM G. McCAIN *April 7, 1946*  
 ROBERT M. McKENZIE *May 1, 1938*  
 MRS. ANNA L. McLEAN *May 7, 1933*  
 MRS. GRACE M. McMILLAN *April 5, 1931*  
 MRS. MAY McPARTLAND *Jan. 24, 1943*  
 MRS. HELEN McROBERT *April 20, 1924*  
 PERRY P. McROBERT *May 3, 1936*  
 WILLIAM E. McROBERT *May 1, 1927*  
 MRS. BERTHA C. MEAD *June 18, 1943*  
 MRS. GENEVIEVE MERRILL *March 25, 1951*  
 JOHN MERRILL *March 25, 1951*  
 MISS JANET MILES *April 17, 1949*  
 ARTHUR G. MILLER *Dec. 7, 1947*

FREDERICK G. MILLER *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. GEORGE C. MILLER *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 MRS. MARGARET S. MILLER *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. MARY L. MILLER *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. MAUD MILLER *Jan. 4, 1920*  
 WINFIELD MILLER *Jan. 4, 1920*  
 MRS. HARRIET B. MITCHELL *Jan. 6, 1924*  
 HERBERT O. MITCHELL *April 4, 1926*  
 WALTER S. MITCHELL *Jan. 6, 1924*  
 MRS. PHYLLIS MONAGHAN *April 4, 1926*  
 MRS. JESSIE MONTGOMERY *June 18, 1944*  
 JOHN M. MONTGOMERY *May 3, 1936*  
 MRS. JOHN M. MONTGOMERY *March 28, 1948*  
 ROBERT E. MONTGOMERY *June 18, 1944*  
 DR. BERYL MOORE *April 20, 1930*  
 PAUL L. MOORE *April 20, 1930*  
 MRS. JANE MOORE *March 25, 1951*  
 MRS. MABEL MOORE *March 5, 1916*  
 MRS. SUSIE A. MOORE *April 20, 1930*  
 MISS AGNES MORRICE *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 ALFRED C. MORRILL *March 7, 1920*  
 MRS. ALICE E. MORRILL *Feb. 4, 1945*  
 MRS. SYLVIA M. MORRILL *March 7, 1920*  
 GEORGE B. MORSE *April 6, 1939*  
 MRS. PHYLLIS H. MURRAY *April 4, 1926*  
 MRS. GRACE MYERS *June 4, 1950*

## — N —

DONALD F. NELSON *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. EBBA J. NELSON *May 4, 1919*  
 MRS. HELENE E. NELSON *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 WALTER NELSON *Dec. 5, 1948*  
 MRS. BESSIE NICKERSON *Dec. 5, 1948*  
 WESLEY NICKERSON *Dec. 5, 1948*  
 ADRIAN NORCROSS *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 MRS. NANCY NORCROSS *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 MISS DIANNE NORRIS *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 RALPH NORRIS *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MISS EDITH M. NUTT *May 3, 1925*

## — O —

EDWARD A. OLSON *April 6, 1939*  
 MRS. GERDA A. OLSON *April 6, 1939*  
 FRANK OMERSO *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 MRS. MARGARET G. OMERSO *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 MRS. KATHRYN OXLEY *April 2, 1950*  
 MR. RICHARD OXLEY *April 2, 1950*

## — P —

MRS. CATHERINE W. PARKER *April 7, 1946*



THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT of the Sunday School is for boys and girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of school. This group meets before the regular church service, from 9:45 to 10:45.



# ROSTER OF MEMBERS

EDWIN H. PARKIN, JR. *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. JOSEPHINE PARKIN *April 7, 1946*  
 EDNA E. PARMENTER *June 2, 1946*  
 MRS. JOHN PEARCE *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 DONALD PEOPLES *April 9, 1950*  
 NORMAN W. PEOPLES *March 31, 1929*  
 MRS. MARGARET E. PEOPLES *April 8, 1945*  
 MRS. EDITH W. PERKINS *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 DAVID PERKINS *April 9, 1950*  
 MISS SALLY A. PERKINS *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 WALTER F. PERKINS *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 E. FRANKLIN PERRY, JR. *May 4, 1941*  
 MRS. MARY M. PERRY *May 4, 1941*  
 MRS. KATHERINE PETERSON *June 6, 1909*  
 WALTER S. PETERSON *Jan. 4, 1920*  
 MRS. WALTER S. PETERSON *Sept. 14, 1941*  
 MRS. EDITH T. PFEIFFER *April 20, 1924*  
 RALPH PFEIFFER *April 20, 1924*  
 RALPH PFEIFFER, JR. *May 5, 1935*  
 HOWARD C. PHILLIPS *May 4, 1941*  
 MRS. MARJORIE PHILLIPS *Jan. 4, 1920*  
 EDWIN E. PHOENIX *April 4, 1926*  
 MRS. ERNA S. PLAISTOWE *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 HAROLD R. PLAISTOWE *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 CARLETON V. POLEY *Feb. 4, 1951*  
 MRS. VINCE POLEY *Feb. 4, 1951*  
 RUPERT PORTER *April 6, 1947*  
 MRS. VERA PORTER *April 6, 1947*  
 ARTHUR C. POTTER *May 2, 1943*  
 MRS. BERTA POTTER *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 ERNEST POTTER *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 JAMES POTTER *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 MRS. JAMES POTTER *Dec. 4, 1949*  
 MISS MARJORIE POTTER *April 20, 1924*  
 MRS. GRETA POTTER *March 7, 1920*  
 RICHARD H. POTTER *Jan. 7, 1917*  
 RICHARD H. POTTER, JR. *April 6, 1947*  
 ROBERT POTTER *April 17, 1949*  
 MISS BARBARA POWELL *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 MRS. BETTY POZORPKI *May 20, 1934*  
 MRS. MARION PRATT *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 ROBERT PRATT *Dec. 3, 1950*  
 HAROLD T. PRICE *Jan. 7, 1917*  
 IRVING A. PRIEST, JR. *Dec. 5, 1948*  
 MRS. THELMA L. PRIEST *May 20, 1934*  
 MRS. MILDRED PROCTOR *April 7, 1946*  
 MRS. ELVIE PULSIFER *May 20, 1934*  
 HOWARD G. PULSIFER *May 4, 1919*  
 MRS. MYRTLE T. PULSIFER *May 2, 1886*

## — Q —

DYKE L. QUACKENBUSH *May 2, 1909*  
 MRS. MARJORIE QUACKENBUSH *May 6, 1917*  
 MISS MARY T. QUACKENBUSH *Nov. 6, 1904*  
 PLATT A. QUACKENBUSH *April 8, 1945*  
 ALFRED QUAST *May 7, 1933*  
 MRS. EVELYN S. QUAST *May 7, 1933*  
 WENTWORTH QUAST *May 7, 1933*

## — R —

MRS. ARTHUR E. RAMSDELL *May 2, 1943*  
 MISS BARBARA J. RAMSDELL *May 4, 1941*  
 JOHN L. RAMSDELL *May 2, 1943*  
 VIRGINIA E. RAMSDELL *May 2, 1943*  
 MISS BERTHA RANDALL *March 4, 1883*  
 THOMAS W. REILLY *June 18, 1944*  
 MRS. THOMAS REILLY *Oct. 4, 1942*  
 MRS. BERTHA RICE *April 20, 1924*  
 MISS FLORA B. RICE *March 4, 1883*  
 FREDERIC M. RICE *May 7, 1916*  
 MRS. ETHEL RIKER *May 4, 1941*  
 MISS LINDA J. ROBERTS *April 8, 1945*  
 MRS. RUTH ROBERTS *Nov. 1, 1903*  
 DONALD G. ROBERTSON *May 4, 1941*  
 MRS. LAURETTA ROBERTSON *Feb. 4, 1951*  
 LLOYD ROBERTSON *May 5, 1935*  
 MRS. DOROTHY ROBIE *June 4, 1950*  
 JOHN ROBIE *June 4, 1950*  
 ARTHUR W. ROBINSON *Nov. 18, 1894*  
 BEVERLY G. ROBINSON *March 24, 1940*  
 CHARLES F. ROBINSON *July 6, 1890*  
 MISS GERTRUDE ROBINSON *April 8, 1928*  
 MRS. MABEL ROBINSON *March 1, 1885*  
 MISS MARY ROBINSON *Jan. 3, 1897*  
 MRS. MARY G. ROBINSON *April 8, 1928*  
 MRS. PHYLLIS T. ROBINSON *April 7, 1946*  
 REGINALD G. ROBINSON *March 4, 1917*  
 REGINALD G. ROBINSON, JR. *May 3, 1942*  
 WALTER B. ROBINSON *Jan. 6, 1924*  
 MRS. AMELIA M. ROGERS *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. CHARLES W. ROGERS *Oct. 4, 1942*  
 GEORGE M. ROGERS *May 2, 1937*  
 HARRISON H. ROGERS *Dec. 7, 1947*  
 MRS. LYDIA W. ROGERS *May 2, 1937*  
 MISS MARY LEE ROGERS *April 6, 1947*  
 MRS. LANA J. ROWE *Nov. 7, 1920*  
 DR. LEONARD B. ROWE *Nov. 7, 1920*  
 ORVILLE J. RUID *June 2, 1946*  
 MRS. FANNY C. RUID *June 2, 1946*  
 MRS. CLARA R. RUSSELL *March 3, 1889*

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ROBERT T. RUSSELL  
THEODORE F. RUSSELL

May 1, 1927  
Jan. 3, 1886

## — S —

ALBERT A. SANBORN  
MRS. ALICE L. SANBORN  
DAVID M. SANBORN  
RICHARD SANBORN  
MISS BARBARA SANDERS  
GEORGE L. SANDERS  
MRS. JUDITH SANDERS  
MISS JUDITH SANDERS  
MRS. FANNIE D. SANFORD  
FLOYD V. SANFORD  
MRS. BARBARA SAUNDERS  
VINCENT SAUNDERS  
MRS. DOROTHY E. SAWYER  
RONALD SAWYER  
DONALD S. SCHEUFELE  
GEORGE F. SEVERANCE  
MRS. ANNA SEVERANCE  
ERNEST L. SHAFFER  
MRS. ERNEST L. SHAFFER  
MRS. LOIS P. SHANNON  
MRS. ERMA SHELEY  
LEROY SHELEY  
CLIFTON E. SIAS  
MRS. JEAN SIMS  
JOHN SINCLAIR  
MISS JUNE SINCLAIR  
WILLIAM B. SINCLAIR  
MRS. WILLIAM B. SINCLAIR  
MRS. MARYLEN H. SMALL  
MISS RUTH SMITH  
MRS. DORIS M. SOMERSALL  
RICHARD SOMERSALL  
RUTH H. SOMERSALL  
MRS. VIRGINIA SOMERSALL  
W. WARREN SOMERSALL  
MISS BARBARA J. SQUIRE  
MRS. CLARA R. SQUIRE  
WALLACE J. SQUIRE  
WALLACE J. SQUIRE, JR.  
MISS GERTRUDE STEVENS  
MRS. HELEN STEVENS  
MRS. DORIS STIMSON  
MISS DOROTHY STOCKER  
MRS. MAUDE STOCKER  
MISS BARBARA STOREY  
FRANK STOREY

Nov. 29, 1925  
Nov. 29, 1925  
May 3, 1942  
April 17, 1949  
April 17, 1949  
April 17, 1949  
April 17, 1949  
April 17, 1949  
Feb. 4, 1951  
Feb. 4, 1951  
Dec. 3, 1950  
Dec. 3, 1950  
June 29, 1941  
Dec. 3, 1950  
May 3, 1942  
April 7, 1946  
Jan. 4, 1920  
Dec. 4, 1949  
Dec. 4, 1949  
May 4, 1941  
Dec. 7, 1947  
Dec. 7, 1947  
April 4, 1926  
May 1, 1938  
April 9, 1950  
June 18, 1944  
Jan. 3, 1943  
Jan. 3, 1943  
May 5, 1935  
Dec. 7, 1947  
May 5, 1907  
March 28, 1948  
April 5, 1931  
March 28, 1948  
April 4, 1926  
April 17, 1949  
April 17, 1949  
April 17, 1949  
March 7, 1886  
April 4, 1926  
June 27, 1915  
April 5, 1931  
April 5, 1931  
April 9, 1950  
April 9, 1950

MRS. HARRIET STOREY  
RICHARD STRACHAN  
MRS. VIRGINIA STRACHAN  
MRS. ISABELLE SUTTILL  
MRS. LOIS SWANSON  
MRS. ESMAH E. SWENSON  
JOHN SWENSON  
MRS. MARIA S. SWENSON  
O. EDWIN SWENSON  
HENRY SZRETTET  
MRS. LORETTA SZRETTET

April 9, 1950  
Dec. 3, 1950  
Dec. 3, 1950  
May 3, 1925  
May 2, 1937  
March 31, 1929  
Jan. 2, 1921  
Jan. 2, 1921  
Jan. 4, 1920  
Feb. 6, 1949  
Feb. 6, 1949

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MRS. BERTHA H. TAFT  
MRS. EMILY TALBOT  
GEOFFREY A. TALBOT  
DR. HERBERT S. TALBOT  
ALEXANDER TATTRIE  
MRS. DELLA TATTRIE  
EDWIN A. TAYLOR  
MRS. HAZEL B. TAYLOR  
MRS. ELSIE P. TESHU  
MISS EMILY B. TESHU  
JOHN TESHU  
MRS. BARBARA A. THOMAS  
WILLIAM H. THOMAS  
HAROLD E. THOMPSON, JR.  
MRS. HAROLD E. THOMPSON, JR.  
WESLEY B. THOMPSON  
HARRISON M. THORPE  
MRS. RUTH L. THORPE  
CARL K. THORSEN, JR.  
MRS. EVELYN M. THORSEN  
MRS. CARL K. THORSEN, JR.  
MRS. UNA RAE THRASHER  
MRS. HELEN TILLER  
REV. PAUL D. TILLER  
MRS. ELIZABETH S. TIPTON  
FRANK B. TIPTON  
MISS ELEANOR TOZER  
MRS. ALICE S. TOZER  
MISS JUNE TOZER  
WILFRED TOZER  
WILLIAM TOZER  
MRS. IRENE TYLER  
RICHARD TYLER

March 1, 1914  
Dec. 5, 1948  
Dec. 5, 1948  
Dec. 5, 1948  
April 9, 1950  
April 9, 1950  
March 27, 1932  
May 3, 1914  
April 20, 1930  
May 3, 1942  
April 20, 1930  
Dec. 5, 1948  
Dec. 5, 1948  
Dec. 4, 1949  
Dec. 4, 1949  
March 13, 1927  
Feb. 4, 1945  
Feb. 4, 1945  
Dec. 4, 1949  
Jan. 6, 1924  
Dec. 4, 1949  
April 9, 1944  
Feb. 2, 1947  
Feb. 2, 1947  
April 17, 1949  
April 17, 1949  
Dec. 3, 1950  
Dec. 3, 1950  
Dec. 3, 1950  
Dec. 3, 1950  
Dec. 3, 1950  
June 4, 1950  
June 4, 1950

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MRS. EDITH C. UNDERWOOD  
FRANK E. UNDERWOOD

Jan. 7, 1906  
Sept. 7, 1890

# ROSTER OF MEMBERS

## — V —

MISS CHRISTINE A. VANCE	<i>June 2, 1946</i>
GALE L. VANCE	<i>May 1, 1938</i>
MRS. OLIVE H. VANCE	<i>May 1, 1938</i>
WILLIAM H. VANCE	<i>May 1, 1938</i>
MISS DONALDA VEALE	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
MRS. I. EVELYN VEALE	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
MRS. MAXINE VINCENT	<i>May 4, 1947</i>

## — W —

FRED C. WAGG, JR.	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
MRS. RUTH WAGG	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
MRS. IMOGEN WAGNER	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
WILLIAM L. WAGNER	<i>April 9, 1950</i>
MRS. MINNIE WAITE	<i>Dec. 7, 1947</i>
R. ARNOLD WAKELIN, JR.	<i>June 18, 1944</i>
MRS. FLORENCE WALKER	<i>March 7, 1915</i>
MISS RUTH WALKER	<i>May 1, 1938</i>
BARTON D. WALLACE	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. BARTON D. WALLACE	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. MIRIAM WANECEK	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
CHARLES W. WARMAN	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
MRS. MARION WARMAN	<i>May 3, 1914</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH WEATHERBY	<i>April 5, 1931</i>
MISS BETTY JANE WEBB	<i>May 2, 1943</i>
MRS. BLANCHE C. WEBB	<i>May 2, 1943</i>
EARL B. WEBB	<i>May 2, 1943</i>
MRS. PAULINA WELLS	<i>May 1, 1938</i>
ROBERT WELLS	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. VIOLET A. WELLS	<i>May 2, 1937</i>
WILLIAM L. WELLS	<i>May 2, 1937</i>
FORREST A. WENTWORTH	<i>April 4, 1926</i>
LEIGH A. WENTWORTH	<i>May 3, 1936</i>
E. MELVILLE WESTGATE	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
MRS. RUTH WESTGATE	<i>April 7, 1946</i>
ALBERT L. WESTON	<i>Dec. 7, 1947</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH WESTON	<i>Dec. 7, 1947</i>
MRS. ALICE L. WHALEN	<i>April 5, 1931</i>
GORDON L. WHALEN	<i>Feb. 4, 1945</i>
MRS. ALMA WHARTON	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
ROBERT WHARTON	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
DR. JOHN WHEELER	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
MRS. VIRGINIA WHEELER	<i>March 25, 1951</i>
ANDREW E. WHITE	<i>April 6, 1939</i>
JOHN WHITE	<i>April 6, 1947</i>
LORING WHITE	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
MRS. RALPH WHITE	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
MISS BARBARA WHITLEDGE	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
MRS. ANITA WHITNEY	<i>May 4, 1941</i>
HOWARD F. WHITNEY	<i>Jan. 6, 1895</i>

MISS NELLIE A. WHITNEY	<i>Jan. 1, 1893</i>
ROBERT F. WHITNEY	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
HAROLD W. WHITTIER	<i>Dec. 4, 1949</i>
MRS. ISA WHITTIER	<i>May 5, 1907</i>
MARION E. WHITTIER	<i>March 27, 1932</i>
ARTHUR WIGGLESWORTH	<i>June 18, 1944</i>
MRS. BEATRICE WIGGLESWORTH	<i>April 6, 1947</i>
MRS. C. ISABELLE WIGGLESWORTH	<i>June 18, 1944</i>

MISS CLAUDIA C. WIGGLESWORTH	<i>April 8, 1945</i>
MRS. GRACE WIGNOT	<i>Jan. 5, 1936</i>
JACKSON E. WIGNOT	<i>March 31, 1929</i>
JOSEPH T. WIGNOT, JR.	<i>April 20, 1924</i>
NORMAN R. WILD	<i>Dec. 7, 1947</i>
MRS. RUTH K. WILD	<i>Dec. 7, 1947</i>
MRS. BARBARA WILKINSON	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
GERALD WILKINSON	<i>March 28, 1948</i>
ALLEN J. WILLIAMS, JR.	<i>May 5, 1935</i>
MRS. DOROTHY P. WILLIAMS	<i>May 2, 1943</i>
MRS. EDMONIA WILLIAMS	<i>Dec. 3, 1950</i>
MRS. FLORENCE WILLIAMS	<i>April 20, 1924</i>
LEROY WILLIAMS	<i>May 2, 1943</i>
MRS. ETHEL WILSON	<i>May 6, 1923</i>
MELVIN S. WILSON	<i>April 8, 1928</i>
MRS. GLADYS WINCAFWAW	<i>May 4, 1919</i>
DAVID W. WOOD	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
MRS. ELIZABETH G. WOOD	<i>Dec. 5, 1948</i>
E. DAVIS WOODBURY	<i>April 8, 1945</i>
MRS. CORINNE WOODBURY	<i>Jan. 6, 1918</i>
MISS CAROL WOODS	<i>April 17, 1949</i>
CLARENCE A. WOODS	<i>May 1, 1927</i>
MRS. DORIS B. WOODS	<i>March 27, 1932</i>
FRED S. WOODS	<i>April 8, 1928</i>
MRS. MARION C. WOODS	<i>April 8, 1928</i>
MRS. PHYLLIS WOODS	<i>May 1, 1938</i>
MRS. CAROLYN WORMWOOD	<i>May 3, 1942</i>
MRS. BERTHA F. WRIGHT	<i>Jan. 1, 1882</i>
BURTON W. WRIGHT	<i>Jan. 1, 1922</i>
MRS. DOROTHY H. WRIGHT	<i>April 9, 1944</i>
EARL F. WRIGHT	<i>Feb. 4, 1951</i>
ERNEST A. WRIGHT	<i>April 9, 1944</i>
MRS. HARRIET WRIGHT	<i>Jan. 3, 1886</i>
MRS. VIOLA WRIGHT	<i>Jan. 1, 1922</i>

## — Y-Z —

KATHLEEN W. YOUNG	<i>April 20, 1930</i>
MRS. FREIDA YOUNG	<i>May 6, 1917</i>
H. RAYMOND ZAYOTTI	<i>Feb. 4, 1945</i>
MRS. MARY M. ZAYOTTI	<i>Feb. 4, 1945</i>

## WHEN THE BELLS TOLL

*Three hundred years have now gone by  
Since Eliot lifted face to sky  
To bless the hills that met his search  
And build within this town a church.*

*Today, a tower of rock and prayer  
Looks out upon the village square,  
Facing South to Natick wood  
Where first the timid red man stood,  
Settled, hunted and turned the sod  
While Eliot brought him a friend named God.*

*Centuries three a people prayed,  
Fought wars and fire and cannonade.  
Yea, many roofs this church has known,  
Brick on brick, and stone on stone,  
Climbing skyward, higher, higher;  
Graceful symbol, vane-tipped spire.*

*Now when bells toll from this steeple  
Friendly elm trees gently nod.  
Here's a church made strong by people,  
And a people made strong by God.*

—L.G.H.

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